

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 such that it requires the black matrix to contain metal fine particles dispersed in a polymer. Support for amended Claim 1 is provided by, for example, the description at page 11, lines 9-11, of the specification.

No new matter has been added.

Referring to Section No. 1 at page 2 of the Office Action, Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In response, Applicants have amended Claim 8 to delete therefrom the recitation of "TEFLON," thereby rendering moot the rejection of Claim 8.

Referring to Section No. 2 at pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,686,980 ("US '980").

Applicants respectfully traverse.

The claimed black matrix comprises a structure in which the metal fine particles (black pigment) are dispersed in a polymer.

US '980 does not disclose or suggest the claimed black matrix. In fact, US '980 teaches away from the claimed black matrix, as one of ordinary skill in the art would understand from the teaching at column 1, line 63, through column 2, line 6, of US '980.

Furthermore, none of the working examples of US '980 uses a polymer.

For the foregoing reasons, US '980 does not disclose the invention of Claims 1-3 with the specificity required for an anticipation under §102, nor does it provide the motivation or suggestion to modify its disclosure and arrive at the invention of Claims 1-3. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejection of Claims 1-3 is requested.

AMENDMENT

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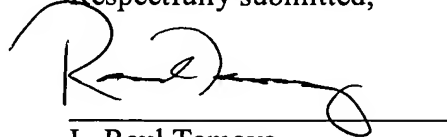
Referring to Section No. 3 at page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0157141 ("US '141").

Applicants are submitting a sworn translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-113613, which was filed in Japan on April 18, 2003, and from which the present application claims foreign priority. The April 18, 2003, foreign filing date of JP '613 is prior to the February 2, 2004, U.S. filing date of US '141. Furthermore, JP '613 supports the presently rejected claims. Applicants refer, for example, to Claims 1-5 at page 1 and paragraph [0022] at page 10 of the translation. Thus, US '141 is completely disqualified from being used as prior art against the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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